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In the claims:

All of the claims standing for examination are reproduced below in their last-amended form. Amendment status is indicated for all claims.

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8. (New) An information system for delivering position-related information to a portable digital appliance, comprising:

a tracking system for tracking position of the appliance and change of position of the appliance relative to time;

a data repository comprising data entities identified by one or both of position within the bounded region and change of position of the appliance relative to time; and

a client profile recording specific preferences for a user of the digital appliance;

wherein the information system selects information to be provided to the appliance according to the position of the appliance, change of position of the appliance relative to time, and user preference indicated in the client profile.

9. (New) The information system of claim 8 wherein the position of the appliance is a geographic position on the surface of the Earth.

10. (New) The information system of claim 8 wherein the data repository stores data identified by geographic regions and sub-regions within the regions, and position of the appliance within a sub-region is used to select information to be provided to the appliance.

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11. (New) The information system of claim 8 wherein information retrieved and provided to the appliance is information associated with specific geographic positions, and is selected, at least in part, by the direction of movement of the appliance relative to one of the specific geographic positions.

12. (New) The information system of claim 8 wherein the information system communicates with the digital appliance on a wireless link.

13. (New) The information system of claim 12 wherein the wireless link is a two-way link, and the appliance sends periodic requests for information to the information system.

14. (New) The information system of claim 13 wherein the periodic requests are automatically-generated.

15. (New) The information system of claim 13 wherein the periodic requests are manually generated by a user of the appliance.

16. (New) The information system of claim 8 wherein information is pushed to the appliance on a pre-arranged time period.

17. (New) A method for delivering position-related information to a portable digital appliance, comprising the steps of:

    (a) tracking position of the appliance and change of appliance position relative to time;

    (b) storing a client profile indicating preferences for a user of the appliance; and

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     (c) selecting information to be provided to the appliance according to the position of the appliance, and change of position of the appliance relative to time, and user preference indicated in the client profile.

18. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the position of the appliance is a geographic position on the surface of the Earth.

19. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the data repository stores data identified by geographic regions and sub-regions within the regions, and position of the appliance within a sub-region is used to select information to be provided to the appliance.

20. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein information retrieved and provided to the appliance is information associated with specific geographic positions, and is selected, at least in part, by the direction of movement of the appliance relative to one of the specific geographic positions.

21. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the information system communicates with the digital appliance on a wireless link.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the wireless link is a two-way link, and the appliance sends periodic requests for information to the information system.

23. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the periodic requests are automatically-generated.

24. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the periodic requests are

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manually generated by a user of the appliance.

25. The method of claim 17 wherein information is pushed to the appliance on a pre-arranged time period.